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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) hosted a telephone town hall with constituents from across the 24th Congressional District to discuss their concerns, address false rumors and gather ideas regarding healthcare reform in the United States.

"Being able to reach more than 7,000 constituents at once is a unique and critical opportunity for me to take advantage of," **Arcuri said**, "There is no doubt that there are false rumors circulating around the country about portions of this bill to try and scare people. It is my job to answer those rumors and address any concerns that my constituents have about the impact of healthcare reform in Upstate New York. I look forward to continuing this great dialogue with our constituents as this healthcare debate continues."

Arcuri's telephone town hall lasted for over an hour with multiple interactive poll questions and discussion topics ranging from Medicare benefits and Medicare fraud to prescription drug costs and the economic impact of healthcare reform. Arcuri was able to field nearly a dozen questions with over 250 constituents leaving voicemail questions for Arcuri to answer.

Arcuri has been traveling through the 24th Congressional District meeting with doctors, nurses, healthcare providers, business owners and other healthcare stakeholders to discuss healthcare reform. Arcuri will continue to meet with constituents to gather ideas about the healthcare bills before Congress before returning to Washington, DC after Labor Day.

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